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David Carpenter will give two demonstrations
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↑ **NEXT MEETING** ↓

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THE SCARCE TOKENS OF DAVID MASSIE BAKER, ELORA, ONTARIO

In April 2022 the South Wellington Coin Society celebrated 25 years as a numismatic organization. It is **Scott E. Douglas's** intention to publish his new officially-titled book "**A Numismatic Journey Through Wellington County**" in celebration of this event. He has been periodically publishing excerpts of this book in SWCS's official newsletter the *Wellington Circular*.

David Massie was born January 1, 1844, in Aberdeenshire, Scotland. Massie emigrated to Canada in 1863 just one year after both his mother and father died. In 1869 he was working as a baker in Salem, Ontario, located one mile from Elora. In 1870 Massie opened a bakery in Elora at 48 Mill Street. In 1876 his wife died and Massie sold his bakery in Elora and moved to Guelph opening a bakery there. While in Guelph Massie re-married. In 1884 Massie decides to return to Elora and open a bakery on Geddes Street, an area that is growing as businesses are moving up the hill and away from the Mill Street strip. Massie successfully runs his bakery until 1914 when he sells out to fellow Scotsman Robert G. Dobbie. On January 12, 1919, Massie died after suffering from dementia for two years. David Massie is buried in the Elora Cemetery.



← (top row) Obverse:

D. MASSIE, / BAKER / ELORA, ONT.

(far left, second row) Reverse A-Sc4-28:

GOOD FOR / 1/2 / LOAF OF BREAD

(next) Reverse B-Sc4-28:

GOOD FOR / 1/2 / LOAF OF BREAD

(next) Reverse C-Sc4-28:

GOOD FOR / 1/2 / LOAF OF BREAD

(far right, second row) Reverse W-Sc4-28:

GOOD FOR / 1/2 / LOAF OF BREAD

McColl 977-980 (Aluminum—qty. unknown but more than 8; Brass, Copper and White Metal 8 struck of each);

Astwood 0440 a-d;

Rarity 6/7

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D. MASSIE, / BAKER / ELORA, ONT.

(far left, second row) Reverse A-R-25:

GOOD FOR / 1 / LOAF OF BREAD

(next) Reverse B-R-25:

GOOD FOR / 1 / LOAF OF BREAD

(next) Reverse C-R-25:

GOOD FOR / 1 / LOAF OF BREAD

(far right, second row) Reverse W-R-25:

GOOD FOR / 1 / LOAF OF BREAD

McColl 973-976 (Aluminum—qty. unknown but more than 8;

Brass, Copper and White Metal 8 struck of each);

Astwood 0440 e-h;

Rarity 6/7



Geddes Street about 1906. Massie's Bakery is on the extreme right at number 99.



No. 99

It would seem that David Massie was no stranger to death in his family. In 1854 his sister Jane emigrated to Guelph. In 1858 she died giving birth. She was 21-years-old. The baby did not survive. In 1862 his mother died followed by his father on December 8, 1862. Both were in their mid-50s. In 1865 his sister Mary died at the age of 24.

At 17-years of age David was apprenticing to be a blacksmith in Scotland. Upon the death of his parents, David emigrated to Canada with his brother William in 1863. Both settled in the Elora area. William began a tailoring business which lasted through his life and David was a baker during his life.

David married three times in twenty-one years. His first wife died after six years together and his second wife died after five years together. His third wife went on to outlive him by twenty-seven years. It seems that every decision in his life was prompted by death from emigration to moving from one town to another and then back again.

In all, Massie ran his bakeries for a total of forty-four years. He spent thirty-six of those years in Elora and eight years in Guelph.

Robert Dobbie succeeded Massie buying his bakery in 1914. Fifteen years later Dobbie died at the Elora Train Station after his truck was hit by a train that some witnesses felt was deliberate.

The tokens of David Massie are very scarce. The off-metal strikes listed by McColl show a population of 8 pieces. I believe this to be accurate. I also believe the tokens were fabricated for collectors by F.X. Paquet much like the James Christie bread tokens also from Elora. However, the aluminum tokens appear to be just as difficult to find.



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THE QUEST FOR THE BEST

by **David Carpenter**, SWCS Director

[Images in this article are courtesy of Numista Canada www.numista.com, or the minter, unless otherwise noted. Images not to scale.]

It starts innocently enough. Perhaps you noticed a few special quarters in your change and decided to put them aside and make a full set. A few were a little more beat up than the others, so you kept looking until you were able to replace them with some nicer-looking examples.

But wait, what's that? You can buy a full set of uncirculated ones released from the Mint that have never been touched by human hands? Oh goody!

The Royal Canadian Mint has offered coins in several finishes over the years—usually in sets, and almost always at a higher cost than face value—for collectors willing to pay for "perfect" coins. As early as 1858 when Canadian coinage began (albeit as the Province of Canada) special *specimen* sets were produced and sold. These coins were struck with dies and planchets of a higher quality than those intended for circulation, and were struck under higher pressure, resulting in much sharper detail as well.

This practice of making special strikes was common in many world mints at the time, and long before the sets were made available to the public, they were struck specially for heads of state and other important dignitaries. "Hobby of Kings" indeed.

In addition to the specimen sets, buyers could order uncirculated sets from the Bank of Canada, and in 1949, from the Mint directly, for the coins' face values plus postage. Some of these dating from about 1951 were noticeably better and came to be known by dealers and collectors as *proof-like*, because while they are really good strikes, they were not the *proof* quality of other world mints. In 1954 these sets were officially issued, and were described as "brilliant uncirculated", but could contain standard uncirculated coins or proof-like examples. By 1961, all such sets were proof-like.

Obverse: Images courtesy of Canadian Coin & Currency, RCM 1948 Superb Specimen 6-coin set, ICCS SP-66 (1¢, 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, 50¢, \$1) →





← Reverse: Images courtesy of Canadian Coin & Currency, RCM 1948 Superb Specimen 6-coin set, ICCS SP-66 (1¢, 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, 50¢, \$1)

True proof strikes are struck more than once, and tend to use highly polished dies for a mirror-like finish on the field. The United States Mint's proof coins for example are struck "at least twice", while today's proofs from the Royal Mint (UK) are struck six times under low speed and low pressure.

The Royal Canadian Mint's specimen finish is reportedly better than their proof-like finish, although I personally need to bring my magnifier to the next coin show to verify it for myself. The Mint began issuing proof quality coins in 1981, replacing the proof-like offering, but retaining the specimen sets and adding a third choice: sets of "normal" uncirculated (but otherwise pristine) coins.



RCM 1939 Royal Visit Commemorative Silver (80%) 1 DOLLAR coin

With several choices, the Mint was satisfying a growing collector's market, but things would soon get very interesting in the collecting space, with the advent of *non-circulating legal tender*, or NCLT coins.

Commemorative coins had circulated in Canada as early as 1939 with that year's dollar marking the Royal Visit of the King and Queen. Other commemorative dollars would follow, and 1967 would mark Canada's Centennial celebration with special designs for all the denominations. But in 1971 the Mint did something noteworthy: issuing a non-circulating designs just for collectors.

NCLTs are perhaps a controversial topic. Controversial in that, as a collector, you either love them or hate them. (Well, to be fair, I expect most people love some very specific ones.) The designs are unique, different from what you might find in your change, but the face values are in some ways arbitrary since the coins sell for much more. The range of subjects on the coins is limitless. And the technical innovation used in some is astounding.

A case could be made that NCLTs pave the way for innovation in circulated coins. Canada made history in 2004 with the first colourized circulation coin, a red poppy of Remembrance. But this was done earlier with a NCLT of the 2000 Millennium Pride coin. Similarly, in 2012 a four-coin series of painted prehistoric animals with glow-in-the-dark skeletons was released (and come on, how cool is that?) This may have been the inspiration for the 1867-2017 circulation painted Northern Lights: Coloured Dance Toonie, with glow-in-the-dark Aurora Borealis.



Recent NCLTs from the Royal Canadian Mint include embedded gem stones, gold-plating on some design features, and holographic devices. Some offerings from the the RCM and the Pobjoy Mint are pushing the limits of what even the keenest collector would be willing to call a "coin", with pop-up gilt devices, sculpture, and other non-traditional advances in technology.



Niue Islands 2016 Primates 1 DOLLAR Silver coin with 3D Chimpanzee (KM#57845)



2021 Niue Islands Ferdinand Magellan 500th Anniversary of Death 2-oz Pure Silver (99.99%) \$5 Proof finish coin with 3D insert of ship / crystal insert / laser frosting, Mint of Poland, mintage only 333



RCM 2022 Holiday Splendor 5-oz Fine Silver (99.99%) and Gold-plated \$50 movable coin — Santa sled with reindeer rotates (similar to the 2021 toy train that rotates around the Christmas tree and the 6-oz Silver 2018 carousel)

NCLTs can be a double-edged sword, however. A completist would shake their head at the bewildering array of items and subjects available, and declare that the market is flooded. I'm personally a huge fan of the Peanuts comic strip, but don't have much interest in buying the Peanuts "commemorative" coins, despite these being a perfect marriage of my two big hobbies. I do have to wonder what exactly motivated the RCM, the Island of Niue and the British Virgin Islands (and other countries) to issue them for the 50th Anniversary of the Peanuts comic strip (and the 60th, 65th, 70th too), as I doubt Charles M. Schulz ever visited. I would gratefully accept these coins as gifts though, on the off-chance that any of my family are reading this.



Niue Islands 2000 Peanuts 50th Anniversary \$1 (NZD) Copper-Nickel non-circulating UNC coin (KM#115)



©UFS 2010 Niue Islands Celebrate Peanuts 60 Years-Snoopy, 1/4-oz Limited Gold Coin—Silver coin \$25 Uncirculated BM



BVI 2015 Official Peanuts 65th Anniversary -Snoopy and Woodstock, BU CuNi \$1 coin



Pobjoy Mint BVI 2010 Official Peanuts 60th Anniversary -Snoopy and Woodstock, Sterling Silver (92.5%) \$1 coin, mintage 10,000



RCM 2010 Peanuts 60th Anniversary, 5-oz Pure silver (99.99%), \$10 coin, mintage only 1,000



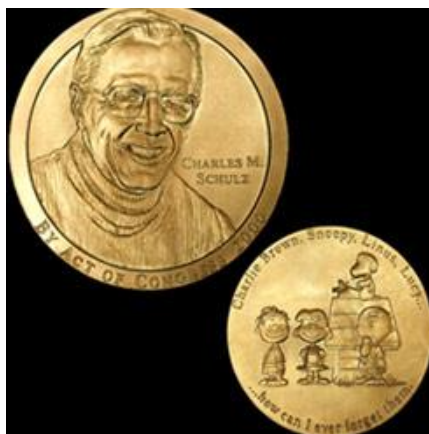
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PEANUTS ©United Feature Syndicate Inc. (©UFS) China 2000 Comic Strip 10/2/50-retirement date 2/13/00 Peanuts 50th Anniversary Ltd. Edition Commemorative 1-oz Fine Silver (99.99%) metallic finish serialized Coin, mintage 5,000



↑ Charles M. Schulz Bronze Coin, an exact replica of the Congressional Medal awarded to Charles Schulz posthumously in 2000 (half-dollar size) - Minted in Phila. (US MINT) in the year 2000 — it was also issued in fine silver




← Courtesy of the Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center, Santa Rosa, California: The Charles Schulz Congressional Gold Medal awarded by President Clinton 20 June 2000, featured the likeness of Schulz on the front and the Peanuts gang displayed on the reverse.

Collectors have been crying foul about the number of NCLTs since the 1930s though, when the United States Mint issued dozens of commemorative half-dollars that decade. And that same sentiment has been lobbed at countries like Niue, Cook Islands, and even good old Canada for releasing what some feel are "too many" issues.

Q. David Bowers recommends buying "the best coins you can afford". I would add that you should buy the coins that you like because you like them, and enjoy them for what they are and the pleasure they bring to you. And they are the best of all.

CLUB EDUCATION

Your presentation doesn't need to be fancy, you can just come and speak and hold up items in reference to your topic. Please reach out to Scott and sign up for one of the open 2022 dates below (or book a date or two into 2023):

- **August 3: David Carpenter** - you won't want to miss this! David is going to give **two demonstrations**, one is of his **scanner he uses to scan the edge of coins**. The other is of how to **use Numista to automatically generate maps and graphs** based on whatever coins you enter into your collection there. David considers *Numista* to be more accurate than *Krause* as well, because each country has a dedicated collector curating the data.
- **September 7: Scott Douglas** presents *Medals with more than one Effigy*.
- **October 5: Lance Tribble** presents *25 Years of the Toonie* (with assistance of Jamie "Ty" Flamenbaum, an expert in explaining the "1996 German Planchet" and how to find one). This 1996 German Planchet image is used with Ty's permission, and it's from Ty's *Album*, *PCGS Registry*, *Collectors Universe Inc.* → 
- **November 2 "Related Hobby Show and Tell Night"**: Calling for members to bring in examples of their other hobbies (philatelic, pins, cards, exnumia, painting, singing, golfing, dancing, etc.) and explain how those hobbies connect in anyway to your numismatic hobby (e.g. golfer on coin, coin has image of a painting, coin shaped like a stamp or stamp with a coin image, Elvis Presley on coin, Sports card player featured on coin, etc. —coin can mean coin, medal, token) — **please let Scott know by our Sept. meeting if you will be showing something. Scott will be away during our Oct. meeting.**
- **December 7 (includes bringing non-perishable donation for the foodbank)**: why don't you volunteer (any topic)? Maybe you traveled at some point and you want to share your discoveries from your trip? Maybe you were digging through a junk bin and found a rare or new variety?

SWCS July 6th Meeting Report

Report by Mike Hollingshead, SWCS 1st VP, Photos by Scott Douglas

Attendance was 14 members and 3 guests for a total of 17 (15 in-person, 2 via zoom). In-person: Ernie Blair, Linda Blair, Scott Douglas, George Foster, Andrew Fedora, Gary Fedora, Garry George, Mike Hollingshead, Lisa McPherson, Robb McPherson, John Smith of Anytown (guest), Rose Van Sickle and her guest (sorry we didn't get name but we hope her guest returns again), Lowell Wierstra, Doug Wilson; and via Zoom: Brent Mackie (guest), Len Trakalo. Regrets: David Carpenter (away on family vacation).

We hope to see more of our members join in-person at future meetings. We held our monthly Membership Draw but where were you, **Gord Parker**? Not in attendance when your name was picked so the August draw will swell to **\$10**. This one is easy to win! Just be there (in-person or virtual attendance qualifies).

King Arthur's Treasure: The KAT is one of our popular share-the-wealth draws. Just bring 5, 10, 15 or 20 numismatic items to put in the Treasure Chest. You will receive one ticket for each multiple of 5. If you don't have the swag to drop in, you can buy a ticket for \$1 or any number of tickets at \$1 each. One guest asked if the club keeps the money from the tickets purchased? Nope, this is SWCS and every cent from the KAT draw goes into the Treasure Chest as part of the winnings. The club gets nothing, it's all to benefit the lucky winner! July saw more than **140 item equivalents** go to our faithful member **Doug Wilson**! Congratulations to MR WILSON! A big thank you to Doug for volunteering to work the registration table at our September 24th Fall Show.

DAYTONA DRAW: Always a keen interest in our Daytona, especially when there is "gold in them hills". How does the Daytona work? Tickets are \$2 each and members are welcome to purchase as many as they want. If your ticket is drawn, you will be asked to choose your prize from a selection of 5-6 envelopes. Each envelope contains a different prize, but always something valued at \$35+ retail and sometimes as much as \$100. The envelope you chose is then put up for auction among club members and guests present. The ticket-holder then can choose to accept the cash offer from the highest auction bidder, or choose to keep the contents of the envelope. May's draw winner sold their envelope for **\$40**, only to find that the lucky auction bidder received a Royal Canadian Mint one gram of .999 **gold** in the envelope valued at

\$75+! July's lucky winner was Charter Member **George Foster!** Bidding for his pick of envelope #13 quickly soared from \$5 to **\$30** in spirited bidding. George refused the cash offer and chose to keep the envelope which contained **\$42** retail value of **3 RCM sets**.

Educational Presentation: Mike Hollingshead presented *A Collection of Canada's Centennial Commemorative \$1 Bank Notes*. The set of twenty notes contains **all the prefix letter combinations** used by the Canadian Bank Note Company and the British American Bank Note Company **including the replacements**. Due to the interest in the general public in this issue and the popularity of the Centennial celebrations, these bank notes are relatively easy to obtain. The entire set can be acquired in uncirculated condition for well below \$500 if one times their purchases.



SWCS is fortunate to count among its members paper money dealer (**Select Currency, Brampton**) **Gary Fedora** who has specialized in bank notes for many years. Gary was able to add much to the discussion about face and back plate numbers, strategies for building a set, pricing of the various prefixes and his opinion on why some of the published numbers printed don't seem to be reflected in availability of various prefixes. This is a good reason to attend club meetings, to be able to access learned opinions when building or selling your collection!

Auction: We asked for folks to consign for August-December meetings. We are desperate for auction items. Our August meeting will have only 22 items as our cupboards are bare! Please bring your consignment items to the next meeting, otherwise we are at risk of a meeting having no auction. We could also use a higher attendance at our meetings to reduce the number of "passed" items in the auction. Consignors get discouraged when too many lots are passed by esp. when the reserve is already well below market for the quality stated. Have items to consign for auction, please call **Lowell Wierstra** at **519-824-6534**.



WE ARE HONOURED!

For a number of years, SWCS has had a guest attend who has never sought membership. He guards his anonymity and simply wants to attend and enjoy the fellowship. He is very helpful in supplying information regarding paper money and a number of other areas of numismatics and he is well-educated in the areas of his interest, a senior collector.

At the end of the meeting in July, "John Smith" from "Anytown, Ontario" **donated \$200** to the SWCS, to be used for the betterment of the members. He said that although he attends numerous coin meetings in southern Ontario, he finds the comradery, the banter, the auction, the presentations and members at SWCS to be **the most welcoming and fun-loving of any club he has attended**. He stated that he likes the idea that the club is dedicated to benefit the members and not to building a monument or a bank account. He can often be seen with a smile on his face at our meetings and obviously enjoys the company he finds among us. We appreciate that he generously provides his knowledge and opinions to our members.

So, a big THANK YOU to John Smith for the generous donation and we hope that we can continue to deserve your attendance at our meetings. Your generosity and support are most welcome.

THANK YOU! WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Linda Blair looked after beverages and snacks, **Scott Douglas** did the draws, **Lowell Wierstra** coordinated the auction, **Andrew Fedora** was auction runner, and **Mike Hollingshead** looked after ticket sales, setup of multi-media and zoom, calling the auction, and giving the educational presentation. Also thanks to those who helped to set up and later clean up

the room. Many hands makes for light work! We thank folks who jump in to assist at our meetings and our shows! We are a numismatic family!



Another Knight is Inducted

During the TNA 2022 Spring Convention, American Numismatic Association (ANA) President / St. Eligius Knight **Dr. Ralph Ross**, joins Texas Numismatic Association (TNA) Medals Officer / Chancellor—Grand Knight, **Frank Galindo**, in welcoming International Coin club of El Paso, Inc. (ICCEP) President / Show Chairman, **Jason Elwell**, as he's inducted in the fraternal organization the **St. Eligius Numismatist Brotherhood (USA)**.



Three St. Eligius Knights met at the recent TNA Annual Convention held in Arlington, Texas June 3-5, 2022.

←Pictured left to right: Frank Galindo, Jason Elwell, and Dr. Ralph Ross.

Pictured left to right: Frank Galindo, Jason Elwell. →

Both photos are by Bettie Elwell.



Jason owes his interest in numismatics to his grandfathers who put old coins in his Christmas stocking. One of these was a 1907 Indian Head Cent and as it was nearly a century old, from that point on Jason has researched old coins. As a pre-teen, he was so impressed by his stocking discoveries. Jason has a particular fondness of the Fugio Cent, the first official one-cent piece of US Currency from 1787. He particularly likes the spirit of the coin demonstrated by the coin's obverse legend "MIND YOUR BUSINESS" and the reverse legend reads "UNITED STATES WE ARE ONE" which in Jason's opinion can mean a couple of things: "this is our business, we have to take care of it" or "stand back, England, mind your business. We're our own country."



1787 1/HOR 1 P.R. FUGIO I.C., 1 Over Horizontal 1, "UNITED STATES" XF 40 BN (NGC 3428819-012) Guide Book Variety, Newman 10-G, W-6700, R.5. The popular blundered die variety, created with an obverse showing the 1 in the date over a previous horizontal 1, paired with a reverse where ARE is much closer to WE than to ONE and the O is open at the bottom. This is a nice, attractive example with much detail remaining on chocolate-brown surfaces. Localized minor pitting at GIO is un-distracting. The obverse shows some old die clashing but both sides are comparatively contact-free. Listed on page 83 of the 2011 Guide Book. MRB VF30. Purchased from G. Creed (6/1/1960). From The W. Philip Keller Collection of U.S. Colonials.

[Image courtesy of Heritage Auctions www.ha.com, Oct. 28, 2010 Sale Lot #3376, sold for \$10,925USD (Includes Buyer's Premium).]

Jason's name shows up frequently in *Numismatic News* and *Mintmark*, both for his and his club's accomplishments, but also his articles, such as *Willie Terrazas: Collecting Coins and a Lifetime of Memories*. Jason takes every opportunity to promote the numismatic hobby to youth. He volunteers and helps out where needed. He seeks to continually advance his numismatic education, and was one of two 2019 TNA Grant Winners (ANA Seminars). At Jason's urging, the ICCEP donated a World War II uncirculated Japanese paper money display to the USS Lexington Museum in Corpus Christi, Texas (<https://usslexington.com/attractions/>). This idea came about when Jason's toured the USS Lexington in 2018 and view many exhibits along its bulk-heads. Jason felt this would be a great way demonstrate the connection between history and numismatics. The exhibit can be found on "Carrier Row", Third Deck / Tour Route 4.



Overall, the Brotherhood is pleased to have Jason joined the ranks!

TWO POWs REMEMBERED

by Judy Blackman, FONA, KStE-Cda/USA

Whether you are a philatelist or a collector of militaria, these two lots may interest you. As a long-standing member of the Australian Numismatic Society (ANS), I participate in the five online Members Only Auctions each year. In the ANS Auction 46 which closed 10th January 2022, I acquired 16 of the 176 lots offers to members. This story is about two of these lots, which I found very intriguing.

Lot 44 description read "Australia Post 2012 special cover for ANZAC DAY. Copy of Letter and POW cover. Reserve \$8." My successful bid was \$13AUD. At the time of payment, one Australia dollar exchanged for 90 cents Canadian. Let's start with the cover. Hand-printed is "MY DEAR FRANK". Affixed is a soft material badge of a poppy reading "WE WILL REMEMBER THEM LEST WE FORGET." The envelope's background has images of poppies in a field. The stamp is an Australia 2012 60c Rising Sun Badge 1904-1949 Self-Adhesive SG3777. There is a special hand-cancellation "17 APRIL 2012 Lest We Forget We Will Remember Them CANBERRA ACT 2608". Australia's Capital Territory is Postcode 2608 and its capital is Canberra.



The Rising Sun badge identified servicemen and service-women as belonging to the Australian Army. Australian Army Nursing Service sisters wore a silver badge, while servicemen wore bronze-coloured badges. While the design has changed since the Second World War, the badge is still worn by today's servicemen and servicewomen. The bronze badge shown here is the Third Pattern, May 1904, and it carried a scroll inscribed with the words "AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH MILITARY FORCES" and was worn throughout both the First and Second World Wars (1904-1949).

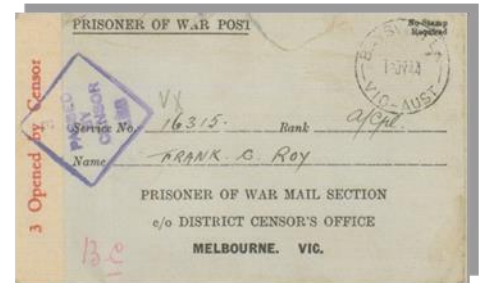
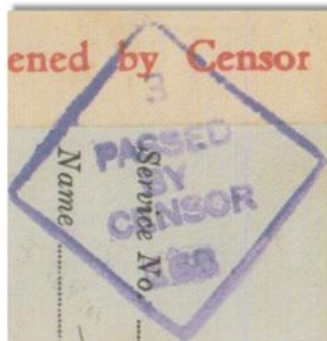


The back of the envelope has hand-printed "MY DEAR FRANK" and a photo of presumably "FRANK".



The information below reads:

"My dear Frank / Enclosed is a letter from James Roy sent to his son Frank, a POW in Germany. / Author: Mr. James C. Roy Location: Croydon, Victoria Recipient: Lance Corporal Frank C. Roy, Alf. / In June 1931, 22-year-old Lance Corporal Frank Roy of Croydon, Victoria, was captured and interred as a prisoner of war in Germany, first at Skines and then at Stalag XIII-C POW camp, where he remained until the end of the war. In July 1944 the Australian Prisoners of War Relatives Association wrote to the next-of-kin of all POWs giving them the opportunity to write a short letter to their dear ones in the event of eventual liberation by allied forces. This joyous letter from his father, dated 18 July 1944, was received by Frank in May 1945 when the camp was liberated by the Americans. Frank returned home safely in July 1945. / Studio, Stamp photograph: Robb Little (badge courtesy David Howell) / Cover image: Nailia Schwarz © shutterstock. Cover and poppy badge design: Jo Muré, Australia Post Design Studio / Letter reproduced courtesy of Australian War Memorial and Mrs. Marcellen Roy."



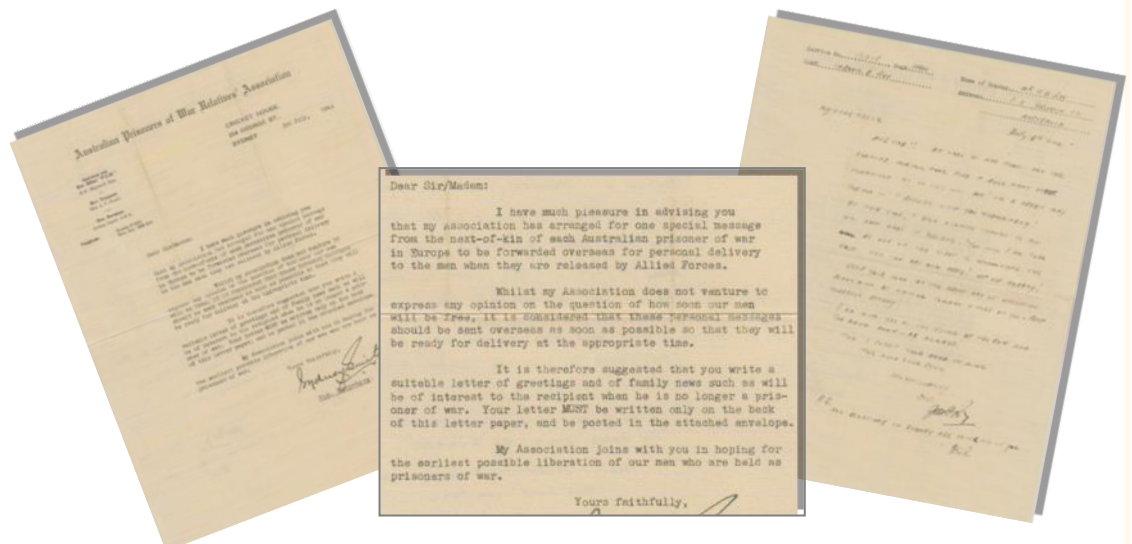
Inside this Postal First Day Cover is a military PRISONER OF WAR POST envelope which has been cleared by the censor.

In the POW Post envelope are two letters (back-to-back, one paper sheet). The first letter (dated 3rd July 1944, signed by Hon. Secretary Sydney Smith, O.B.E.) is from the Australian Prisoners of War Relatives' Association and is stamped with "AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL". The letter reads:

"Dear Sir / Madam: / I have much pleasure in advising you that my Association has arranged for one special message from the next-of-in of each Australian prisoner of war in Europe to be forwarded overseas for personal delivery to the men when they are released by Allied Forces. / Whilst my Association does not venture to express any opinion on the question of how soon our men will be free, it is considered that these personal messages should be sent overseas as soon as possible so that they will be ready for delivery at the appropriate time. / It is therefore suggested that you write a suitable letter of greetings and of family news such as will be of interest to the recipient when he is no longer a prisoner of war. Your letter MUST be written only on the back of this letter paper, and be posted in the attached envelope. / My Association joins with you in hoping for the earliest possible liberation of our men who are held as prisoners of war. / Yours faithfully, / Hon. Secretary"

Now the back of the letter is a bit difficult to read, as it appears to have been done with a pencil and the printing is hard to make out, but here's what I think it says: [Editor's Note: DER TAG—This is German for THE DAY]

"Service No. 16315, Rank A/ Cpl, Name Frank C. Roy, Name of Sender Mr. J. C. Roy, Address P.O. Croydon, Vic., Australia, July 18th, 1944, / MY DEAR FRANK, / DER TAG!! AT LAST IT HAS COME. ALL THE ANXIOUS BOREDOM, COWS,

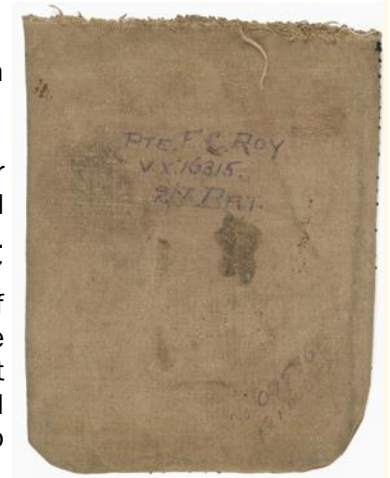


PLUS A GOOD MANY OTHER INDIGNITIES AT AN END — MY! IT'S A GREAT DAY FOR YOU — I REJOICE WITH YOU EXCEEDINGLY! AT THIS TIME, I GIVE SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE. YOU WILL, I AM SURE, BE ONE OF THE FIRST TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FACT, AND YOU ARE NOW FREE! HIP HIP HURRAY! KEEP YOUR HEAD ON THE GREAT DAY OF LIBERATION. MANY WILL BE WAITING TO MAKE A FUSS OF YOU. KEEP YOURSELF STEADY! I AM WITH YOU AT THE RISING OF THE SUN AND THE GOING DOWN — AS ALWAYS! TILL I CLASP YOUR HAND IN MINE FOR AULD LANG SYNE. AFFECTIONATELY, DAD (signed James C. Roy) P.S. ALL RELATIVES IN SYDNEY ARE THINKING OF YOU. J.C.R.”

In September 2020, many service records were released. I was able to find Frank's:

B883, VX16315, ROY FRANK : Service Number - VX16315 : Date of birth - 23 Sep 1918 : Place of birth - VIC : Place of enlistment - RINGWOOD VIC : Next of Kin - ROY MARION

I also discovered the Australian War Memorial includes Frank's pouch. The front the pouch reads "PTE.F.C.ROY V.X.16315. 2/7 BAT. No 09586 [indecipherable]".



Associated with the service of VX16315 Lance Corporal Frank Roy, born on 23 September 1918 in Victoria. Roy enlisted as a Private in the AIF on 29 February 1940 and embarked for the Middle East with 2/7 Australian Infantry Battalion, arriving in Kantara on 17 May. Roy went on to serve in Greece and Crete where he was promoted to Lance Corporal on 7 May 1941. In early June he was captured by the Germans and held at Skines prisoner of war camp where he made this pouch from a section of the tents in which the prisoners were housed. Roy was later sent to Stalag XIII C prisoner of war camp in Germany where he spent the remainder of the war before being liberated in May 1945. Roy used this pouch to hold the photos and letters which he kept during his four years in captivity. He returned to Australia on 24 July and was discharged on 31 August 1945.

The next was Lot 45 with the description "Australia Post 2011 Remembrance Day Cover, with copy of letter from Clement Hartley to his parents, Reserve \$8". I only had to bid the reserve of \$8AUD to win this lot. This one has an horizontal pair of Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Aviation MUH stamps issued 22 February 2011. The left stamp (SG3552) shows an F-111 aka "Pig", and the right stamp (SG3553a) features F/A-18F. On the left is the RAAF insignia, used for badges, flags, and pins, amongst other things.



Above, left to right: In addition to this heraldic badge (far left), the RAAF has 5 different Command badges (sample shown), 5 different Group badges (sample shown), and 17 different Wings badges (sample shown). There is also a large variety of pins (sample shown, far right).

The background is a letter "Your loving son Clem XXX". The cancellation is unique with part of it including a pen writing three "x's". The back has the same "Your loving son Clem XXX", and the following information:



“Enclosed is a facsimile of a letter from Sergeant Clem Hartley to his parents. / Author: Sgt. Clement Hartley Recipient: Mrs. V. Hartley / This is one of many letters that Clem, a RAAF Officer, wrote home to his family in Queensland during World War II. In this letter Clem vividly / describes his impressions of wartime England, including his remarkable chance meeting with Queen Mary while on weekend leave in Bath. / Despite his optimism for the future and assurance to his mother not to worry as “you have to be very unlucky to be bumped off” Sergeant / Hartley died during a bombing raid over Germany on 7 April 1942. He was 29 years old. / Stamp design: Jamie Tufrey. Cover design: Jo Muré, Australia Post Design Studio / Cover image: Sky © Foto yakov, shutterstock.com / Letter reproduced courtesy of Fay Hanson, RAAF Badge reproduced courtesy of the Royal Australian Air Force.”

The typed letter inside the envelope reads: [Editor’s note: the original was hand-written with excerpts shown on the front cover as the background. The numbers in brackets are to advise you that the Sgt. began a new page. My mother had five brothers in the Second World War, all the letters from my uncles while they were at war are in pencil on coarse paper and printed (not written) so the censors could read them.]

“Address Sgt. Hartley C.A.V. AUS 404585, R.A.A.F. c/-RAF Records Office, Ruislip, Middlesex, Eng. / 2nd letter from Eng. Address letters correctly / Thurs. 11.9.41 Photos enclosed / Dear Mum and Dad, / Here goes for an attempt to write you a letter. First of all, let me apologize for not writing before, I am afraid I have been neglecting you lately. The trouble is I have just got to force myself to write letters. I seem to have got terribly restless. My last letter to you was dated 26.8.41. On Saturday, Aug. 30, Smithy and I went to Bath for the weekend. The overseas hostess whom we had previously met on our last trip to Bath, arranged for us to stay at a Colonel Newnham’s place. / We arrived at Bath at about 2 o’clock. Smithy and I were having afternoon tea with a couple of old ladies, (quite well off they were too) on the terrace overlooking the Roman Excavations, and Queen’s Bath. Well who should walk in, Queen Mary. She was having a look over the Baths. I grabbed a camera, and flew down the steps with Smithy. We were joined at the bottom by four other Australian Airmen, and a couple of Aussie Sailors. When the old Queen saw us she asked where we were from, and when we told her she said, ‘All Australians, how lovely.’ We asked her would she mind having her photo taken with all of us, and she said ‘certainly boys, where would you like me to stand’. I took a photo of her on her own, and was in one of the groups. She is a marvelous old lady, so straight, and stately, with the complexion of a young girl. We were so excited, that all of the boys forgot to remove their caps, which is only done by men in the service in the presence of Royalty. You can just imagine us, standing there stuttering, and gaping like a lot of idiots. She looks every inch a queen. Word soon spread round that she was at the Baths, and the crowd just cheered and cheered as she walked from the building escorted by her ladies-in-waiting and bodyguard.”



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Queen Mary of Teck (1867-1952, full name Victoria Mary Augusta Louise Olga Pauline Claudine Agnes), queen consort of King George V of Great Britain and the mother of Kings Edward VIII (afterward Duke of Windsor) and George VI. →

This House of Windsor 51mm-round gold medal weighing 85.52 g, and commemorating the Coronation of George V 1911 is by Sir Edgar Bertram Mackennal (1863-1931). Obverse: Crowned, draped bust of the King left, orb in field to left, laurel branches below. Legend: GEORGE V CROWNED JUNE 22 1911. Reverse: Crowned, draped bust of the Queen left, rose branch below. Legend: QUEEN MARY JUNE 22 1911. This gold medal was struck with highly-polished fields, and there are only three known specimens.



“(2) / I have had the photos developed, and they are not bad. I will send some later. After this episode, Smithy and I decided to go and see the Colonel. We expected to find a peppery old gentleman, with a flowing moustache. We were quite wrong, for he was quite a mild little fellow, in plus fours. He took us into his study and we introduced ourselves. He showed us our rooms, and announced that dinner would be served at 7:30, and boy what a room we had, two single beds, with silk sheets, and mattresses like balloons. To cap it all, we had our own bathroom, all beautifully white tiled. Smith and I just looked at each other, and we had a few jokes between us as to what suit we would wear, etc. He really had a

beautiful home, a big two-storied house, large grounds, and garden, and goldfish pond. He is a retired Colonel from India, and was also in the last war. He had a big tiger skin on one of the lounges. He told of his big game hunting and exploits in India. He was very entertaining. / He had souvenirs, and collections from all over the world. He told us that breakfast would be served at 9AM Sunday, and if we wished, his housekeeper would bring us morning tea at 8AM, a luxury which we thankfully declined. Sunday morning he took us for a wake-up to a high hill overlooking Bath and I saw there some beautiful scenery. Later on he went to church, and offered us paper and envelopes, and the use of his study while he was away. I wrote a letter to Olive. We had a lovely lunch, chicken, etc. and dumplings. All the vegetables, including the apples came from his garden. After lunch he took us for a drive all over Bath in his car. He showed us all the historical spots, for which the town is noted. I saw the actual places where Nelson and Clive of India lived. These places had an iron plaque above the door, with an inscription on it. Here lived so and so from the year—to –.” These buildings were hundreds of years old. A Commander from the navy dropped in for afternoon tea. Heavens he was a ‘liar’, spoke just like Sir Leslie Wilson. He was very entertaining, and /”

“(3) / had just arrived back from the Mediterranean. He told us some stories of the fighting there. There is no doubt about it, we certainly meet the best of people. Being Sergeants, and having our wings, gives us a bit of a kick, especially coming from Aussie. You have no idea the reputation we have over here. We caught the 8PM train back to Yatesbury, and arrived back at the station at about 10:30. The beauty of our weekend was it cost us nothing for fares. We bought platform tickets for 1 penny, and when the inspectors got on, we managed to diddle them. The pommies open their eyes at this. ‘Gawd blimey, these Australians aint art tough, not arf!’ I think we can run rings around them for shrewdness. / Last weekend we had leave from 5PM Friday till midnight Sunday, so off Smithy and I went to London. We hitch-hiked from the station to Hounslow, a suburb 10 miles from the centre of London. We passed through some lovely villages, and great farm country. From Hounslow we caught a tube to Piccadilly Circus, changed here for Marylebone. We stayed at the Church Army Service Hostel. By the way we arrived in London at 8:25PM. A chap whom we met at Yatesbury gave us his Club to call on, but when we got there it was closed. Two chaps outside invited us into their club, the 50-50. We were their guest, and they treated us to a few beers. We met an Aussie (civilian), here, who had been in London for the past 3 years. They closed down at 10:30, so we went with our two hosts to a night club, the Jubilee. We were introduced round to quite a few people, and everyone wanted to buy the Aussies drinks. We signed the visitors book, as Sergeant ‘Ned Kelly’ (Smithy), and Sgt. ‘Joe Blake’ (myself). We always do this, as most of the boys staying at hotels do. We arrived home at about 1PM after a good night out. /”

“(4) / Saturday morning I called on Mrs. Harrison at the Conservative Club, but bad luck, again. She was off duty that day. We went for bus rides during the day, and saw some more of the damage done by raids. Poor old London has certainly had a hiding. I saw block and block reduced to nothing, but after all in a war what does a few hundred buildings and shops matter. As long as they don’t bomb our munitions factories, dromes, etc. These are the things that count. They have done very little damage regarding the war effort, which is gigantic. You have no idea of the thousands of planes, tanks, etc. that are being turned out. Every factory is engaged in war work and from what I can make out Britain is more powerful now than ever she was. Germany can never defeat this country. Every man, woman, and child is behind the War Effort. Even our old Colonel was a Fire Watcher. There are women driving buses, working on stations as porters, working in the fields, as Fire Watchers, Firefighters, Balloon Barrage Attendants, and then there are the Q.A.A.F.S. Women Auxiliary Air Force, ATS Aux, Territorial Service, thousands of them all doing their bit. We went to the Plaza Theatre late that afternoon, and after the show paid a visit to ‘The old Mitre’, a pub owned by Roy Marsh, an Aussie. It is a great meeting place of Aussie Airmen, Sailors, and Soldiers. I met a chap there from Main Avenue Wilston. I forget his name. He knew me. Isn’t the world small. After a good sleep-in on Sunday, I wrote Olive, and after that, went down to Australian House, a great meeting place of the Australian Forces. I am going to write to Ron McKaige C/-Liaison Officer there. We caught the train from Paddington Station at 7:30, and ravelled by platform ticket back to Yatesbury. We are determined to travel as cheaply as possible while in England. / I know my way round London fairly well now. /”

“(5) / We have been pretty busy since coming here. Morse and operating. We flew two afternoons last week and two this week. I have about 50 hours up now. We flew this morning, thre flights of 40 mins. each. We were wireless operating all the time. I like it very much. While in London I met an Australian Officer, in charge of our postings. He is going to arrange for Smithy and I to go to an all-Australian Squadron, on the new Wellingtons, so by the time you read this in all probability, I shall have paid Jerry quite a few visits. I am looking forward to seeing those bombs go flying down



on Jerry, and watching them run lie B_____ ants. I am tired of this inactivity, and sicker still of sitting in classes like a damn kid for the last 12 months. By the way we had no raids in London over the weekend although they were expected. You should see the Spitfires and Hurricanes moving. Can they go? I saw one fighter today up about 20,000 feet leaving an exhaust trail across the sky. /”

“Friday 12.9.41 / I did not finish this last night so I am continuing today. Yesterday, I received four letters from Olive, one from Bill, one from Morans, one from you Mum, and one from Gwen and Dud. Thank you all for writing. You have no idea how I look forward to hearing from you all. I also got 2-bit bundles of Couriers Dad. I received your 13th letter dated 18.6.41 Mum. I am sending you and Dad a cable for your Wedding Anniversary. I got yours yesterday in middle of an exam. Remember Sept 7 last year, how you and Dad came to Caboolture and just about got plastered. When I come back we are all going to celebrate. Send up to the Newmarket and get a couple of kegs. I had a cable from Olive, and I sent her one too. Fancy Keen and Fern with a song. Congratulate them for me will you. I have sent you Dawson’s and Peglers’ address. I’ll bet it was funny Keen being towed by a sanitary cart. You are quite right in your opinion of Olive. She is wonderful poor kid, and writes me wonderful letters, so cheery. She is waiting for the day when I return, which I am looking forward to. It seems years since I saw you all. She likes you a lot Mum, and tells me that you write each other a lot. Thank goodness Reg got out of it alright. I thought of him at the time. By the way, I forgot to tell you that during my leave (7 days) in London I spoke over the B.B.C. to Reg, Jack Shiel, Jack McLean, both taxi drivers. I had a number of Aussies called into the B.B.C. and during their Australian session to the troops in the Middle East, we all sent over a message. I wrote it on a printed form, and in front of a big audience in the theatre, I spoke it through the mike. I made inquiries about speaking to Australia but they are not doing it yet. The mail I am getting now is coming through Canada. I also had a nice letter from Pat Howarth (Calgary). I am expecting a letter from you Dad anytime. How have you been keeping lately, how is the old belly? I am getting in touch with Ron McKauge, by letter. How have you been keeping Mum? You don’t want to worry about me, as I am alright and you have to be very unlucky to be bumped off. I am sending the rest of you a Merry Christmas and to all the best in the New Year. Maybe next Christmas we will celebrate together. If you can manage it would you send me some tobacco, we are only allowed to buy 25 cigs a week and that it not enough /”

“Cheerio for the present, / Your loving Son Clem / xxx (over) / My pay as a sergeant. / I get 6/3 per day (7 days a week) clear. / Deferred Pay 2/- per day 7 days which cannot be touched. / In addition to this I have 4/- a day put away for me. I can either allot this to anybody or have it paid into my bank. If I have it paid into my bank in Australia, I can make arrangements for them to sent it over here. I am having it paid into the Commonwealth Bank (Aus). You cannot have it paid direct to you. / The 4/- is the difference between the Aust rates of pay and the R.A.F. rates. We are only allowed to draw the same as the R.A.F. / 8/3 single men 6/3 married. / Altogether I have 6/- per day deferred pay 2 pounds 2 shillings per week. Not bad is it. / Olive gets 5/- per day from me and 3/- from Aus. Government, 8/- per day or 2 pounds 16 shillings per week. We are doing alright aren’t we. / Dad, Olive asked me if it would be alright for her to book up the cab fare, when she needs it to come from the station with luggage, etc. and such trips. / I told her she was even mad to ask about it. You will tell her it will be alright will you! / Cheerio / Clem XX/ I have sent you all post cards this mail. C. /”

I was also able to get the service records for Sergeant Clement Alfred Victor Hartley, Service Number 404585, RAAF No. 49 Squadron (RAF), died 7 April 1942 Germany Second World War Operation, when his Hampden Mk 1, AT126 plane was shot down. He’s listed on the Roll of Honour on the Australian War Memorial. This is the No 49 Squadron emblem. →



Clem was the son of Victor Francis James Hartley and Kate Hartley, and husband of Olive Mary Cecilia Hartley of Hawthorne, Queensland, Australia. I was unable to find a photo of him.

Now back to my five maternal; uncles who served in the Second World War: Robert / Bobby was killed when his plane was shot down, Harold/ Harry and Gerald / Jerry and Gordon (who was a Padre-Medic) were all in different concentration camps, and George is written about in high school history books and other books and has a street named after him, and a parade was held

- Flight Sergeant **Harry Jerome Hickson** September 7, 1908: April 13, 1983 – **Royal Canadian Air Force**
- Sergeant **George Alfred Hickson** July 4, 1914: August 15, 1979 – **7th Field Company, Royal Canadian Engineers** - there was a big parade for him when he returned him, a street in Kitchener is named after him, he’s written about in the high school history books and some other books such as “The Canadians at War 1939 / 45”.
- Corporal (also a Padre) **Gordon Joseph Hickson** September 27, 1919: February 10, 1975 – **24th Field Ambulance, Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps** (held in POW Concentration Camp- eventually freed)
- Private **Robert (Bobby) Frank Hickson** August 11, 1921: July 8, 1944 – **Highland Light Infantry of Canada** (killed in action in France at age 23)
- Sergeant **Gerald (Jerry) Bernard Hickson** April 18, 1925: September 3, 1987 – **Royal Canadian Air Force** (held in POW Concentration Camp – eventually freed – after returning, would only eat bread that was toasted and burnt)

for him when he returned from the War. He was Kitchener's most decorated Second World War hero. George II was also a numismatist and a member of the Waterloo Coin Society and Kitchener Coin Club. My Mother was also a collector and is was her Father George I who engaged his children in numismatics but only two took hold of the hobby. George II had a second George III who also had an interest, but more of an interest in clocks and time pieces which he learned from his Father George II.

Today, I've amassed a large collection of Postal Numismatic First Day Covers, along with the Postal First Day Covers, all from the First and Second World War. The PNFDC have coins or medals attached, along with the stamps and special postmarks.

I hope you can see after reading this, why I found value in acquiring the two ANS lots.

They were reaching out to me, and I had to have them to read the letters! A very worthwhile Purchase (in my opinion)!

I hope you agree!

I shot because they wouldn't come out of their hiding place," he reported. Pte. R. W. Wilkinson found himself at one end of a corridor, a German at the other; both had tommy guns. The fact neither could win occurred to them at the same time. Both dodged back to shelter. Other soldiers, as a team, crept stealthily to one closed door after another, one throwing it open while the others poured fire in. Their score mounted steadily. By 8 a.m. 20 prisoners were hunched along a wall.

The casino was never quite cleared of the enemy. More than 100 RHLI, FMR, engineers and signallers occupied the first two floors, although enemy snipers continued to fire from the third floor and the roof.



But the ground floor was available for sections trying to get through to the town. Engineer Sgt. George Hickson, with 18 men, used that route to attempt to destroy a telephone exchange. In the Rue de la Marinière snipers and machine guns pinned them against buildings and it seemed they were trapped. Most French civilians in the vicinity wore an insignia like a swastika. "We watched for some time before deciding these 'civilians' were really collaborators giving away our positions to the Germans," said Hickson. A Bren gunner aimed a long burst. The "civilians" scattered, running, the slower ones bowled over by bullets. The sniper fire grew erratic and the Canadians retreated toward a cinema—but they didn't get far. Fifty yards away a German patrol occupied a house they

Courage was not enough. "The defenses of Dieppe town and harbor," said Lord Lovat, the commando leader, "were impregnable. Nobody could have taken Dieppe." In the wire along the esplanade (opposite) Canadian soldiers die grotesque and horrible deaths—their lives the price the Allies paid to learn how not to invade Europe. The 907 who died were mourned hardly more at home in Canada than in Dieppe itself. But German dead were escorted to their graves (below) along Dieppe streets pointedly empty of all but curious children and a few indifferent adults.



GEORGE HICKSON
... twice-decorated

War hero George A. Hickson dies at 65

Kitchener's most-decorated Second World War soldier died Wednesday in Lindsay.

George Alfred Hickson, 65, had been a resident of Kitchener until he was transferred to Feneelon Falls with Ontario Hydro 16 years ago.

Hickson was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for bravery shown during the raid on Dieppe in 1942. He was a 28-year-old sergeant at the time and later became a captain. He was also awarded the Military Medal, being the first Canadian soldier to be decorated twice.

He enlisted in the army at the outbreak of the war and served overseas with the Royal Canadian Engineers.

He is survived by his wife, son and two daughters.

The funeral will be held Saturday in Kitchener.

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Our September and October 2022 meetings will have a hand-out for each member present (in-person and zoom). One is a special 25th Anniversary two-sided scrip. The other is a BU 1997 10-cent coin fresh from an original RCM role, put in a self-adhesive holder. Plus we have at least six free draws of special 1997 door prizes this Autumn (spread over 4 months) ranging from an Ottawa PL set with a retail value of around \$25, to a trio of individual ICCS coins. But remember, like our *Attendance Draw*, you must be there to win (in-person or by zoom). You will also recall that our *Daytona Draw* still has GOLD in it too, maybe you are the next winner? We may have other surprises of our sleeve, guess you'll just have to show up to find out!



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28-August: Woodstock Coin Club's 65th Anniversary Coin Show in Goff Hall at the Woodstock District Community Complex, 381 Finkle St., Woodstock, ON N4T 1T8. Hours: 9:30-3 Admission \$1 (under 16 free) and free parking. No lunch counter. Contact **Rick Johnson** by phone 519-537-3858 or email martjohn@execulink.com. [Currently website shows Goff Hall not available for rentals due to COVID-19 vaccination clinic, however, WCC is proceeding to promote the show with the understanding the clinic will be gone by then.]

9-11 September: National Postage Stamp & Coin Show in conjunction with the Ontario Numismatic Association Convention, Hilton Mississauga / Meadowvale, 6750 Mississauga Rd., Colonial Acres Coins (CAC) official auctioneer. Kids table and auction, seminars, large bourse, and much more. Check out all three sites: www.stampandcoinshow.com; www.colonialacresshow.com (Fall Premier Numismatic Auction); and www.the-ona.ca; for further details. Contact **Mike Walsh** 905-646-4820, mwalsh@trajan.ca.

18-September: London Numismatic Society Annual Coin Show, Ramada London Hotel, 817 Exeter Rd. Admission \$2 (children free when accompanied by an adult), free parking, door prizes. Contact **Ron Confortin**, 519-636-0862, rconfortin39@gmail.com.

30-September-1-October: Fall 2022 Toronto Coin Expo at the Toronto Reference Library (2nd floor), 789 Yonge St., Toronto, ON M4W 2G8. Hours both days 10-5, admission \$6 each day (under age 16 free when accompanied by an adult). FREE

educational workshops on Saturday 1PM, plus a youth auction and youth workshop on Saturday 10AM. Lives auctions conducted by **Alliance Coin & Banknote** (Thursday, 5PM, 872 lots) and **Geoffrey Bell Auctions**. (Friday, 5PM, lots not released yet) Contact **Jared Stapleton** 647-403-7334, torontocoinexpo@gmail.com, website <http://www.torontocoinexpo.ca>.

Regina Coin Club Cash & Gab: Starts 7pm (Central Standard Time—Sask. time) and goes to 10pm (or whenever people run out of things to talk about). First Friday of each month (excluding July-August): 2022 Schedule: Apr. 1st, May 6th, Jun. 3rd, Sep. 2nd, Oct. 7th, Nov. 4th, and December date to be advised. **Join Zoom meeting:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82110306587?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82110306587?pwd=NWtwSVlDRDZRY2lTSnk1QitNb0hGdz09) [pwd=NWtwSVlDRDZRY2lTSnk1QitNb0hGdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82110306587?pwd=NWtwSVlDRDZRY2lTSnk1QitNb0hGdz09) **Meeting ID:** 821 1030 6587 **Passcode:** 155623 Any questions or assistance needed, contact **Troy A.M. Zimmer**. RCC Secretary, at reginacoinclub@gmail.com. See phone numbers below.

Ontario Numismatic Association's Speakeasy: Every month on the first Monday (until July 4th, 2022) at 7PM (Eastern Standard Time-Ontario time). 2022 Schedule: Apr 4th, May 2nd, Jun 6th, and Jul 4th).

Join Zoom Meeting: [https://us06web.zoom.us/j/95877431724?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/95877431724?pwd=dWtDMmFVYIR1SjNTMzVtZlZxTVpDQT09) [pwd=dWtDMmFVYIR1SjNTMzVtZlZxTVpDQT09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/95877431724?pwd=dWtDMmFVYIR1SjNTMzVtZlZxTVpDQT09) **Meeting ID:** 958 7743 1724 **Passcode:** 382388 See phone numbers below.

ZOOM -Dial by your location:
Canada—204 272 7920, 438 809 7799, 587 328 1099, 647 374 4685, 647 558 0588, and 778 907 2071.
USA— 346 248 7799, 408 638 0968, 646 876 9923, 669 900 6833, 253 215 8782, 301 715 8592, and 312 626 6799.

W.C.S. Coffee House

The lattes are free and the conversation isn't half bad either!

Fourth Wednesdays Monthly 7 p.m.

March 2022 Coffee House: Wed. Mar. 23 7 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/91590360858> - Passcode: 342812

NO AGENDA - JUST SOCIAL TIME AND A VENTI




Note: there are other shows in Canada and USA, we have only listed the events, most likely to interest SWCS members from a geographic standpoint. Find more at ↓

<https://canadiancoinnews.com/events/>



YOU HAVE TO BID TO WIN!



SWCS AUCTION LIST FOR AUGUST 3rd 2022

LOT	DESCRIPTION	EST. VALUE	RESERVE	YOUR BID	WINNING BID
1	Newfoundland 1 cent 1942	\$1.00	\$0.50		
2	Newfoundland 1 cent 1929	\$5.00	\$2.00		
3	Newfoundland 10 cent 1945 c	\$5.00	\$3.00		
4	Newfoundland 10 cent 1942 c	\$3.00	\$2.00		
5	U S A 1966 silver half dollar 40%	\$8.00	\$4.00		
6	U S A 2021p quarter unc.	\$1.00	\$0.50		
7	U S A 2015 p+d dimes	\$2.00	\$1.00		
8	U S A 2015 + 2016p nickels	\$2.00	\$1.00		
9	U S A 2017p 2018p 2019p pennies unc	\$1.00	?		
10	U S A 1857 penny F	\$45.00	\$20.00		
11	Ship Coins three pieces	\$3.00	\$1.00		
12	Netherland coins 11 pieces	\$9.00	\$5.00		
13	Austria Coins 8 pieces	\$5.00	\$3.00		
14	Canada 1999 Millennum quarters	\$6.00	\$4.00		
15	Post Office dove box 1999 and 2000	\$5.00	\$3.00		
16	Canada roll of pennies 1960	\$10.00	\$5.00		
17	Canada 2005 Terry Fox loon with grass	\$10.00	\$5.00		
18	Canada 1947 penny F	\$1.00	\$0.50		
19	Canada 1928 penny F	\$1.50	\$0.75		
20	Canada 1987 silver dollar 400 anvs. Exploration	\$15.00	\$10.00		
21	Canada 1985 silver dollar Parks	\$15.00	\$10.00		
22	Canada 2021 three dimes unc	\$5.50	\$2.00		

Coins for auction call Lowell Wierstra @ 519-824-6534



URGENT CALL FOR CONSIGNMENTS



As you can see we only have 22 lots for our August meeting's auction. We did not receive enough consignments.

We NEED members to CONSIGN items, if you wish auctions to continue. We need 30 lots consigned for each of September *through and including* December 2022 auctions.

Please BRING your items to our AUGUST meeting to CONSIGN for an upcoming auction!